

# ***The Smooth Roads Initiative will provide the smooth roads Missourians want by December 2007***

## **The Problem:**

- Only 46 percent of Missouri's roads are in good condition.
- According to The Road Information Program (TRIP), Missouri's roads are the third worst, and Missouri's bridges are the fourth worst, in the nation.
- Rough roads negatively impact driver safety, fuel efficiency and ride quality, and increase vehicle wear-and-tear.
- According to the Federal Highway Administration, driving on rough roads costs motorists approximately \$220 per year.
- MoDOT's customers have said they want smooth, safe roads and the most important highway feature is the road's surface.

## **The Plan:**

- 2,200 miles of Missouri's roads carry 60 percent of the traffic.
- Approximately half of these roads need repair.
- About 86 percent of Missouri's residents live within 10 miles of these roads.
- MoDOT can make these roads smooth again by investing a total of \$400 million over the next three years.
- Improvements will include –
  - Smooth driving surface,
  - Long-lasting roadway striping and raised pavement markers,
  - Rumble strips,
  - Shoulder and guardrail improvements, and
  - Visible signs.

\* *For consideration by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission*

